

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (*Currently amended*) A computer-implemented method of compiling identity and contact information of senior managers in a distributed computer system, comprising the steps of:

5 a) ~~configuring a computer-implemented spider to search~~ compiling in a distributed computer system multiple, unrelated, unstructured or structurally different information sources other than structured databases, the Internet wherein each information source is characterized as coded in a markup language file and wherein each of said markup language files contains a unique set of information compared to the other compiled markup language files;

10 b) identifying and obtaining from said compiled markup language files to ~~identify and obtain files containing~~ senior management information; wherein

said senior management information includes one or more senior management titles, names respectively associated to said titles, and contact information respectively associated to said names, and wherein

15 said contact information is selected from the group consisting of email addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers, postal addresses, and a combination thereof;

20 b)c) parsing through each of said markup language files to extract said senior management titles; and

performing the following computer-implemented steps for each title extracted:

e)d) determining in said markup language file a local content grouping near and associated with a particular title;

25 e)e) identifying and extracting from said markup language file a name associated with said title from only said local content grouping;

e)f) evaluating from said markup language file a current and historic relationship between said name and said title; and

f)g) selecting the most current said title and said associated name based on said evaluated current and historic relationship.

2. *(Previously presented)* The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein each of said files having a corresponding uniform resource locator address (URL), further comprising the steps of:

5 scoring a confidence level of said name and said title;
 determining which of said files having the highest score of said confidence level; and
 recording the URL of the file with the highest score.

- 10 3. *(Previously presented)* The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of:

 evaluating each of said files to determine a corresponding confidence level of finding said senior management information and quantity thereof.

- 15 4. *(Previously presented)* The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of:

 evaluating each of said files to determine a corresponding confidence level of finding a set of keywords therein, said keywords identifying said senior management information.

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5. *(Previously presented)* The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of locating said files on corporate websites.

- 25 6. *(Previously presented)* The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of locating said files on magazine websites.

7. *(Previously presented)* The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of locating said files on newspaper websites.

8. *(Previously presented)* The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of locating said files on press release websites.
- 5 9. *(Previously presented)* The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of locating said files on professional websites.
- 10 10. *(Previously presented)* The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of locating said files on association websites.
- 11 11. *(Previously presented)* The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of locating said files using a publicly accessible search engine.
- 12 12. *(Previously presented)* The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of locating said files using a custom designed spider.
- 15 13. *(Previously presented)* The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said files contain semi-structured information.
- 14 14. *(Previously presented)* The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said files contain structured information.
- 20 15. *(Previously presented)* The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of locating said files using a previously generated list of said files.
- 25 16. *(Cancelled).*
17. *(Cancelled).*
- 30 18. *(Previously presented)* The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of locating said files using one or more tags.

19. *(Previously presented)* The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of extracting said senior management information using one or more tags.
- 5 20. *(Previously presented)* The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of creating a concordance table for associating one or more tags and keywords related to said senior management information with a rating system so that said senior management information is rated and bounded.
- 10 21. *(Previously presented)* The method as set forth in claim 20, further comprising the steps of:
identifying boundaries around said keywords; and
bounding said local content grouping based on said boundaries.
- 15 22. *(Previously presented)* The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of extracting said name using inclusion and exclusion characteristics.
23. *(Previously presented)* The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of normalizing names and titles extracted from said files to a standard format.
- 20 24. *(Previously presented)* The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of eliminating duplicate sets of names and titles extracted from said files.
- 25 25. *(Previously presented)* The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of extracting date or time stamps of said files.
26. *(Original)* The method as set forth in claim 25, further comprising the step of evaluating said date or time stamps of said files.

27. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 25, further comprising the step of evaluating said date or time stamps with date or time stamps of previously extracted files.

5 28. (Previously presented) The method as set forth in claim 25, further comprising the step of updating said name and said title using said date or time stamps.

29. (Previously presented) A computer system for implementing the method of claim 1, said computer system is programmed to perform the steps of claim 1.

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30. (Currently amended) A system of compiling identity and contact information of senior managers, comprising:

15 ~~a search means for obtaining semi-structured or structured web pages from the Internet~~
a compiling means to compile multiple, unrelated, unstructured or structurally different information sources other than structured databases, wherein each information source is characterized as coded in a markup language file and wherein each of said markup language files contains a unique representation of information relative to the other markup language files;

20 identifying and obtaining from said compiled markup language files senior management information;

an integrity evaluation means for determining whether said markup language files ~~web pages~~ are available and contain senior management information; wherein

25 said senior management information includes one or more senior management titles, names respectively associated to said titles, and contact information respectively associated to said names, and wherein

said contact information is selected from the group consisting of email addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers, postal addresses, and a combination thereof;

a parsing means for extracting from said markup language files ~~web pages~~
5 said senior management titles and names associated therewith;

a evaluation means for determining from said markup language files a current and historic relationship of said titles and said names associated therewith, respectively; and

a selection means for selecting the most current said title and said associated
10 name based on said determined current and historic relationship.

31. *(Previously presented)* A computer-readable medium carrying computer-executable instructions implementing the method of claim 1.

15 32. *(Previously presented)* A computer-readable medium carrying computer-executable instructions implementing the system of claim 30.

Claims 33-84. *(Cancelled)*.

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